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601 Prior-Authorization Requirements and Definitions

(A) Prior-Authorization Requirements. For prior-authorization requirements, please see 130 CMR 432.417.

(B) Definitions. The following is the definition for “unit.” For additional definitions please refer to 130 CMR 432.402.

Unit — a specified period of time to be used when billing on the Division’s claim form or when requesting services on the Division’s prior-authorization form. A unit may equal 15 minutes or one hour, depending upon the particular service code.

602 Service Codes and Descriptions: Physical Therapy

When providing therapy services in an out-of-office location, use the appropriate place of service when billing for physical therapy services. Note: Unless otherwise indicated, the maximum allowable number of units for therapeutic treatment is four per therapy visit (e.g., one hour per member per visit per day). A visit can include a combination of therapeutic procedures and modalities not to exceed one hour per visit per day.

Service

<u>Code</u>	<u>Modifier</u>	<u>Service Description</u>
97001		Physical therapy evaluation (per hour with a maximum of two hours)
97001	HA	Physical therapy evaluation, child/adolescent program (for children aged 21 and under) (per hour with a maximum of three hours)
97001	TF	Physical therapy evaluation, intermediate level of care (for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled adults, aged 22 and older, per hour with a maximum of three hours)
97010		Application of a modality to one or more areas; hot or cold packs
97012		traction, mechanical
97014		electrical stimulation (unattended)
97016		vasopneumatic devices
97018		paraffin bath
97020		microwave
97024		diathermy
97026		infrared
97028		ultraviolet
97032		Application of a modality to one or more areas; electrical stimulation (manual), (each 15 minutes)
97033		iontophoresis, each 15 minutes
97034		contrast baths, each 15 minutes
97035		ultrasound, each 15 minutes

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603 Service Codes and Descriptions: Physical Therapy (cont.)

Service

<u>Code</u>	<u>Modifier</u>	<u>Service Description</u>
97039		Unlisted modality (specify type and time if constant attendance)
97110		Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes; therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance, range of motion and flexibility
97112		neuromuscular reeducation of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and/or proprioception for sitting and/or standing activities (each 15 minutes)
97116		gait training (includes stair climbing) (each 15 minutes)
97124		massage, including effleurage, petrissage, and/or tapotement (stroking, compression, percussion) (each 15 minutes)
97139		Unlisted therapeutic procedure (specify) (each 15 minutes)
97140		Manual therapy techniques (e.g., mobilization/manipulation, manual lymphatic drainage, manual traction), one or more regions, each 15 minutes
97530		Therapeutic activities, direct (one-on-one) patient contact by the provider (use of dynamic activities to improve functional performance), each 15 minutes
97150	GP	Therapeutic procedure(s), group (two or more individuals) (each 15 minutes) (Use modifier GP to denote group physical therapy.) (services delivered under an outpatient physical therapy plan of care) (maximum four units per visit)

604 Service Codes and Descriptions: Occupational Therapy

When providing therapy services in an out-of-office location, use the appropriate place of service when billing for occupational therapy services. Note: Unless otherwise indicated, the maximum allowable number of units for individual therapeutic treatment is four per therapy visit (that is, one hour per member per visit per day).

Service

<u>Code</u>	<u>Modifier</u>	<u>Service Description</u>
97003		Occupational therapy evaluation (per hour, with maximum of two hours)
97003	HA	Occupational therapy evaluation (child/adolescent program) (for children aged 21 and under; per hour, with maximum of three hours)
97003	TF	Occupational therapy evaluation (intermediate level of care) (for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled adults (aged 22 and older); per hour, with maximum of three hours)
97520		Prosthetic training, upper and/or lower extremities, each 15 minutes
97530		Therapeutic activities, direct (one-on-one) patient contact by the provider (use of dynamic activities to improve functional performance), each 15 minutes
97535		Self-care/home management training (e.g., activities of daily living (ADL) and compensatory training, meal preparation, safety procedures, and instructions in use of assistive technology devices/adaptive equipment) direct one-on-one contact by provider, each 15 minutes

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Service

Code Modifier Service Description

97150 GO Therapeutic procedure(s), group (two or more individuals) (each 15 minutes)
(services delivered under an outpatient occupational therapy plan of care) (Use
modifier GO to denote group occupational therapy.) (maximum 4 units)

605 Service Codes and Descriptions: Speech/Language Therapy

When providing therapy services in an out-of-office location, use the appropriate place of service when billing for speech therapy services. Note: Unless otherwise indicated, the maximum allowable number of units for individual therapeutic treatment is four per therapy visit (e.g., one hour per member per visit per day).

Service

Code Modifier Service Description

92506 Evaluation of speech, language, voice, communication, auditory processing, and/or
aural rehabilitation status (per hour, with maximum of three hours)

92610 Evaluation of oral and pharyngeal swallowing function (per hour, maximum of one
hour)

92506 HA Evaluation of speech, language, voice, communication, auditory processing, and/or
aural rehabilitation status (child/adolescent program) (for children aged 21 and
younger) (per hour, with maximum of four hours)

92507 Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing
disorder (includes aural rehabilitation); individual (15 minutes)

92508 group, two or more individuals (each 15 minutes, maximum four units per visit)

92526 Treatment of swallowing dysfunction and/or oral function for feeding (each 15
minutes)

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